



## Raymond "Sonny" Whitehead

October 12, 1969 - August 10, 2021

Raymond (Sonny) Eugene Whitehead, Jr. was born October 12, 1969, in Columbus, OH and passed away Tuesday, August 10, 2021 in Ocala, FL. He was a strong and loving son, husband, father, brother, and friend. He lived in Ocala, FL with his loving wife, Helene Branch.

Sonny will be forever remembered for his compassion, kindness, positivity, and his love for others. He was a faithful Christian and was known for telling people "You gotta get right with God." He was a talented musician and guitarist/song-writer for the band Vocaldrop. He loved sharing his passion for creating music with the world and frequently used it as an outlet to inspire others. He enjoyed spending time with his family and had a very close relationship with his children, who worked alongside him at Munn's Sales & Service, Inc.

Sonny was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Eugene Whitehead, and his son, Jeremy Whitehead. He is survived by his mother, Barbara Whitehead; his wife, Helene Branch; his three children, Katie Peel (Kevin), Jacob Whitehead (Annie), and Joseph Whitehead; his step-children Drew Lincoln, Calee Branch, and Forrest Barzee (Lauren); his step-grandson Talon Lincoln; his three siblings, Trina Terry (Kenny), Eric Scott Whitehead, and Jerome Whitehead; his nieces and nephews KristiAnna Smith (Hoke), Tiffany Partain (Shane), Elijah Terry, and Logan Whitehead; and many aunts, uncles,

and cousins.

Sonny will be greatly missed and will always be in our hearts and thoughts. Sonny's family will be holding a private memorial service. Burial will take place at the Lady Lake Cemetery following the service. A public Celebration of Life will be held at a future date so that all of Sonny's family and friends can safely gather in memory of Sonny's beautiful legacy. Details on the Celebration of Life will be shared by family once a date has been planned.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Helene, we are truly sorry for you and the kids for the loss of Sonny. He was a good person and we'll always be grateful for his help with Mom and Dad and for always being there for the family. Please know that we love and care about you. You'll continue to be in our daily thoughts and prayers.*

*Love, Pat, Shelly, Zack, Payton and Chris*

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**Pat & Shelly Branch** - August 19, 2021 at 11:26 PM

JD

“ *I am saddened to hear of the passing of Sonny. He was a good good man. In my option a gentlemen of the highest caliber. May you rest in peace friend. Rock on.*

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**Joseph DePaolo** - August 18, 2021 at 08:13 PM

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“ *Sonny was my favorite cousin of all time and will always be a legend in my book of memories! He was an amazing artist, man, husband, father, son, uncle and cousin!*

*Your kindness touched many... Your positivity lit up a room your smile and laughter was infectious always lifting the gloom. You will never be forgotten only sorely missed... your music touched many souls and will continue to live forever with my raised and clenched fist! So be sure to rock out just as hard up there in sky and know that LEGENDS NEVER DIE!*

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**Kara Crampton (cousin)** - August 17, 2021 at 10:03 PM

RD

“ My deepest condolences to the Whitehead family. My heart aches with you as I feel I've lost a brother. Through the years, we worked together, played in the band together, watched each others' children grow and went through great times and tough times together. For those that knew Sonny, you knew he would do anything for you. He was open and receiving to anyone he came across, quick with compliments and well-wishes. He never talked down to anyone or made himself seem better than others. His tough life experiences helped him to relate to those in need and he acted to help them as much as he could. If we want to respect his memory, we should learn from these great qualities. I know I will strive to be more like him, as I saw a lot of Christ in him and how he dealt with people, with compassion, with caring and with love and kindness. Sonny was a true believer in Christ and wrote a number of songs testifying to this fact, so I know where he is right now, with family members that have gone before him, with him, and I will see my brother again.

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**Ricky Davis** - August 17, 2021 at 12:40 PM

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“ " Sonny" was a man of character and lived a life for others , even though I have only known him for 4 years, he was consistent in all his ways. Helping fellow workers with their job, guiding his kids and family. Supporting them in any way they needed him, and besides that He was just fun to be around and made everyone else at home with themselves... He is and will be missed. Our love and support to you all as you walk through this valley together... Psalms 23 to lift you hearts.

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**alex holloway** - August 17, 2021 at 11:13 AM